



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

English C

Course Code: ENGC90

Course Title: English C
Engelska C

Credits: 30

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry

Specialisation: requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc. (G2E)

Major Field of Study:

ENA (English)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2020-03-04, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

ENGA30 English A (30 ECTS credits) or ENGL30 English A for Secondary Education (30 ECTS credits) and at least 15 ECTS credits completed in ENGB60 English B (30 ECTS credits) or ENGL61 English B for Secondary Education (30 ECTS credits), or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

The course comprises three course modules. The third module allows students to choose one out of two specialisations.

Module 1 - English Linguistics III: History of English from a Sociolinguistic Perspective (7.5 ECTS cr)

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. describe how English has developed and analyse linguistic phenomena from a historical perspective,

2. give a critical account of key concepts used in English language history and apply them to sample texts,
3. apply sociolinguistic theories and concepts in studies of English language history,
4. give an account of and summarise research publications in the field of linguistics, and
5. identify language history research questions and discuss relevant methods for answering them.

Module 2 - English Literature and Theory (7.5 ECTS cr)

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. give an account of and summarise various literary and cultural theories,
2. apply the concepts and perspectives of literary theory when analysing literature in English, and
3. express themselves in a structured and convincing way and in accordance with the conventions of academic English and correct source use.

Module 3 - Degree Project (15 ECTS cr)

Specialisation 1: Linguistics project

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. identify and formulate linguistic research questions,
2. identify, evaluate, and use secondary sources when analysing empirical data,
3. apply linguistics research methods,
4. plan and carry out a linguistics research project,
5. give an account of and discuss their own and others' conclusions about linguistics both orally and in writing,
6. express themselves in English in a structured and analytical way and in accordance with the conventions of correct source use, and
7. plan and carry out assignments within given time limits.

Specialisation 2: Literature project

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. identify and formulate literary research questions,
2. identify, evaluate, and use secondary sources,
3. apply the research methods of literary studies,
4. plan and carry out a literary research project,
5. give an account of and discuss their own and others' conclusions about literature both orally and in writing,
6. express themselves in English in a structured and analytical way and in accordance with the conventions of correct source use, and
7. plan and carry out assignments within given time limits.

Content

Module 1 - English Linguistics III: History of English from a Sociolinguistic Perspective (7.5 ECTS cr)
This module covers the basics of English language history from a sociolinguistic perspective, with a special emphasis on phenomena that can be observed in modern English and current trends in the development of English. In addition, students read research publications which treat English language history from a sociolinguistic perspective, and learn about possible research questions and methods in the field.

Module 2 - English Literature and Theory (7.5 ECTS cr)

In this module, students apply literary theory to texts from the English-speaking world. The module highlights the relationship between literature and society through studies of literary and cultural theories and perspectives, such as postcolonial, Marxist, ecocritical, and gender-based theories. Through analysing texts, students acquire familiarity with theory and develop an awareness of the significance and function of literature.

Module 3 - Degree Project (15 ECTS cr)

In this module, students carry out a research project and write a thesis in either English linguistics or English literature. Instruction is in the form of seminars and supervision. Supervision can be provided individually or in groups. The module is concluded with a mandatory seminar where students present and defend their independent projects and serve as peer reviewers of other students' work. Supervision is provided for the course duration. Reregistered students are only offered supervision if circumstances permit.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1: Learning outcomes 1-3 are assessed based on an individual written hand-in assignment.

Learning outcomes 4-5 are assessed based on an individual oral assignment.

Module 2: Assessment is based on individual written and oral assignments.

Module 3: Assessment is based on an independent project presented and discussed in a mandatory seminar, and performance as a peer reviewer of another student's work.

The number of assessment opportunities for Module 3 is limited to five.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

The course ENGC90 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the courses ENGC91, ENGC92, and ENGC93.